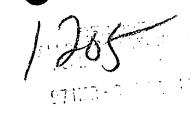
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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the status of the above-identified application.

On September 23, 1996, Applicants paid the Issue Fee in the application. For the Examiner's convenience, attached is a copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal form, as filed. Also attached is a postcard receipt, date-stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, showing that both the Issue Fee Transmittal form and a check for the required fee were received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 23, 1996. To date, Applicants have not received an Issue Notification identifying the date on which the patent will issue. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue such notification, and to issue a patent for the present application.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 347-8100.

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